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SUBJ: PERMISSION FOR LOT POLISH AIRLINES TO FLY OFF-LINE CHARTER
FLIGHTS

- 1. OFFICIALS OF THE CENTRAL CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON MARCH 8 THAT LOT HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN A LIST OF FOREIGN AIRLINES AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT OFF-LINE CHARTERS TO OR FROM THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD. THEY SAID THE LIST WAS PUBLISHED IN LATE 1976 BY THE CAB.
- 2. THE POLISH OFFICIALS SAID THE MINISTRY OF TRANS-PORTATION HAD NOT YET REACTED TO LOT'S EXCLUSION FROM THIS LIST. THEY POINTED OUT THAT PAN AM HAS APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO FLY OFF-LINE CHARTERS (FROM CHICAGO, BOSTON, AND OTHER CITIES) TO POLAND THIS SUMMER. THESE OFFICIALS WERE CONCERNED THAT LOT'S EXCLUSION FROM THE CAB LIST MIGHT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST LOT, AND THAT THIS MIGHT EVENTUALLY INFLUENCE POLISH TREATMENT OF OFF-LINE CHARTERS BY U.S. FIRMS. THEY SAID THAT, FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXAMPLE, LUFTHANSA'S INCLUSION IN THE LIST MIGHT GIVE IT GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN ADJUSTING THE TIMING OR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF ITS CHARTER FLIGHTS AND THEREFORE MIGHT HELP IT ATTRACT SOME BUSINESS AWAY FROM LOT.

3. COMMENT: WE AGREED TO ASK FOR AN

EXPLANATION OF THE CAB'S HANDLING OF OFF-LINE CHARTERS. THE POLISH OFFICIALS DID NOT CITE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES IN WHICH LOT HAD BEEN DENIED PERMISSION TO FLY OFF-LINE CHARTERS FROM THE US, SO THE MATTER COULD BE ONE OF ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITATION THROUGH LOT'S INCLUSION IN THE SUBJECT LIST RATHER THAN OF DIRECT ECONOMIC LOSSES TO LOT FROM ITS EXCLUSION. THE POLES' PERCEPTION COULD BE IMPORTANT IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO DISABUSE THEM OF THE IDEA THAT LOT'S EXCLUSION FROM THE LIST IMPLIES DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY
FROM WASHINGTON, SINCE WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT
WITH THE CCAA OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN AN EFFORT TO
GET A RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION OF WORLD AIRWAYS TO FLY
THREE CHARTER FLIGHTS THIS SUMMER USING STRETCH DC-8'S.
THE CCAA IN FEBRUARY DENIED THE APPLICATION DUE TO INABILITY TO
SERVICE AIRCRAFT OF THIS SIZE AND BECUASE OF CONGESTION AT OKECIE
AIRPORT. AT OUR URGING, THE CCAA IS AGAIN EXAMINING WHETHER IT MIGHT
BE POSSIBLE TO ALLOW WORLD AIRWAYS TO LAND AND TAKE OFF
AT OFF HOURS. ALTHOUGH THE SUBSTANCE OF WASHINGTON'S
REPLY WILL NOT AFFECT THE CCAA'S DECISION ON WORLD AIRWAYS,
A QUICK RESPONSE TO ITS QUERY WOULD BE HELPFUL END COMMENT.

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